

SEASON REPORT OF THE BANGALORE DISTRICT FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 1902.

Rainfall.—The average rainfall in the district was 8 inches, 13 cents during the month.

State of the crops.—The standing crops are reported to be in good condition. Horse-gram, white gingelly and Vaisakhi paddy were sown, and sugar cane, Karthik paddy and ragi harvested.

Public health.—Generally good.

Mortality.—There were 1,506 deaths in the month of August 1902, against 1,456 in the month preceding.

Cattle.—2,269 head of cattle died during the month, of which 289 were killed by wild beasts.

Lands.—Lands assessed at Rs. 1,345-8-0 were taken up for cultivation.

K. KRISHNA IYER, for Dy. Commr.

THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF COORG.

Notification, dated Bangalore, 17th December 1902.

No. 63. Tenders are invited for the exclusive right of the sale of opium, preparations or admixtures of opium, and intoxicating drugs prepared from the poppy other than preparations or admixtures of opium used for smoking, in the Province of Coorg for 3 years, viz., from the 1st April 1903 to 31st March 1906. The tenders for the above must be made subject to the following conditions:—

2. A deposit of Rs. 100 must accompany the tender. The covers should be superscribed with the words

"Tenders for the sale of opium, preparations or admixtures of opium, and intoxicating drugs prepared from the poppy other than preparations or admixtures of opium used for smoking" and must be sent to the Commissioner of Coorg on or before 12 noon, on Thursday the 5th March 1903, after which no tender will be received.

3. The tenders shall specify the amount which the parties tendering undertake to pay to Government annually as rent for the exclusive privilege of sale of the said articles. The rent will be payable in advance, that is, on 1st July, 1st October and 1st January of each year.

4. The tenders will be opened by the Commissioner, or in his absence, by one of the Assistant Commissioners at Mercara, at noon, on Friday the 6th March 1903, in the presence of those applicants who may be present. The final disposal of the tenders will, however, rest with the Chief Commissioner of Coorg, who reserves to himself full power to reject any or all of the tenders without assigning any reason. The deposits made by the applicants whose tenders are rejected will be returned to them.

5. The applicant whose tender may be accepted by the Chief Commissioner shall be required to deposit within 3 days a further sum in cash or currency notes, or Government Promissory notes to make up together with the deposits previously made, a sum equal to half of the annual payment or rent guaranteed, such deposit being eventually credited towards the instalments due for the half-year ending with 31st March 1906, and further he shall, within 10 days of the acceptance of his tender by the Chief Commissioner, execute an agreement in the prescribed form on stamp paper, binding himself to conform to the rules prescribed under the Opium Act, 1 of 1878, and shall give security for the due fulfilment of the engagement entered into by him, and if he fails to do so, the deposits already made shall be forfeited to Government and the contract shall be otherwise disposed of.

6. In the event of the contractor failing to pay up any instalment on the date on which it falls due, the Commissioner of Coorg shall be at liberty at once to cancel the contract, and to confiscate the deposit, the lease being re-sold at the contractor's risk.

7. The number of shops to be opened for sale of the articles aforesaid in Coorg is restricted to four, viz., one at Mercara (Mahadevpet), one at Virajendrapet one at Gonicipal and one at Somwarpet.

8. No other shops than those specified in paragraph 7 above, shall be opened except under the special sanction of the Commissioner.

9. The persons appointed by the contractor to vend by retail at the several shops above enumerated must be furnished by him with licenses approved and countersigned by the Commissioner of Coorg according to the forms prescribed by law.

10. All opium required for vend must be procured through the Commissioner of Coorg on payment of the price fixed by the Chief Commissioner, and on the expiry of the contract the incoming contractor shall be bound to take over, if so required by the Commissioner, any opium, preparations or admixtures of opium and intoxicating drugs prepared from the poppy other than preparations or admixtures of opium used for smoking, that may remain unexpended belonging to the former contractor to the extent of 2 months' supply, at such price and in such quantities as the Commissioner shall adjudge.

11. Further particulars may be ascertained on application to the Commissioner of Coorg, Mercara.

R. C. H. M. KING,
Secretary to the Chief Commr.

Dated 5th December 1902.

I, N. Narasinga Rao, B.A., do hereby give notice that I intend moving the Chief Court to enrol me as an Advocate of the Chief Court of Mysore.

N. NARASINGA RAO.